

E-WISEE LAB

Name of activity	Citizen Cafe - Speaking out about Gender
Description of good practice	The specific goals of this youth exchange program are multi- faceted. Firstly, it aims to heighten awareness regarding the global gender disparity and its wide-ranging consequences among international participants and the local community alike. Concurrently, it endeavors to champion the principles of gender equality, personal liberty, universal human rights respect, and the nurturing of tolerance. In addition, the program seeks to facilitate a mutually beneficial exchange between representatives from nations with diverse levels of gender equality, fostering collaboration between these distinct viewpoints and the local community. Simultaneously, it strives to enlighten participants about the concept of non-formal education and its tools geared towards combating gender-based discrimination on a broad scale. Ultimately, the program aims to motivate and empower participants not only to orchestrate public workshops, inspired by the successful event at the Solidarity Cafe in Clermont-Ferrand, but also to spearhead meaningful initiatives in their home countries geared towards diminishing gender inequalities.
Target group involved	Citizen Cafe - Speaking out about Gender" is a youth exchange that addresses the issue of gender inequality by involving 24 participants from France, Estonia, Greece and Spain, ages 18-30. The group leaders met two days before the visit started.
The context in which it was tested	Citizen Cafe - Speaking out about Gender" is an initiative launched by local young people to confront their ideas with other young people in Europe and, above all, to become active citizens of future society.
How it was carried out (and methodological approaches used)	During the exchange, there were non-formal education methods with a mix of pedagogies and tools to facilitate the exchange of ideas among all participants (small/large groups; visual/creative methods/debates) The primary objectives of this youth exchange encompass a range of activities and goals. To begin with, it aims to foster a sense of camaraderie and mutual understanding among participants through icebreaker activities, energizers, and the establishment of communal guidelines. Additionally, the program intends to facilitate engagement with local associations and the surrounding community to acquaint participants with the exchange location. A central focus of the program is the exploration of gender equality, involving personal reflection on experiences of inequality, vigorous debates, and practical exercises designed to create an inclusive environment for participants to share their perspectives and ideas on the current state of affairs. Furthermore, the initiative seeks to initiate civic actions and develop a toolkit for dissemination. This includes employing theatre and simulation activities to encourage participants to contemplate their responses

	and potential actions in the realm of gender equality, brainstorming on communication formats and tools, organizing a Citizen Cafe on the subject with local residents, and strategizing dissemination approaches. Lastly, the program emphasizes the evaluation of learning outcomes through the Youthpass and broader assessment of the activity's impact.
Links to videos or toolkits related to good practice	https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects/search/details/2020-2- FR02-KA105-017767
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